



The Tooth Fairy



Synopsis

Derek Thompson is 'The Tooth Fairy,' a hard-charging minor league hockey player whose nickname comes from his habit of separating opposing players from their bicuspid. When Derek discourages a youngster's hopes, he's sentenced to one week's hard labor as a real tooth fairy, complete with the requisite tutu, wings and magic wand. At first, Derek "can't handle the tooth" – bumbling and stumbling as he tries to furtively wing his way through strangers' homes...doing what tooth fairies do. But as Derek slowly adapts to his new position, he begins to rediscover his own forgotten dreams.

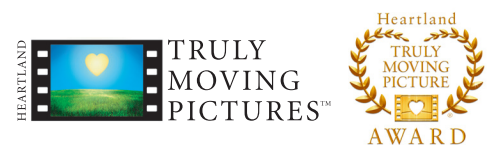
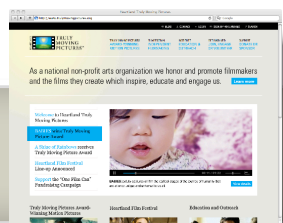
Discussion Questions

- What type of person is Derek Thompson as the movie opens? In what ways does he change over the course of the film?
- Following a hockey game Derek encourages a young fan to not dream too big, so that he won't be disappointed when he grows up. Why do you believe Derek gave this advice to this young man?
- Of all the types of magical beings Derek could have been turned into, why do you believe he was turned into a tooth fairy in order to learn lessons? How would the story have been different if he'd been turned into Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny or someone else?
- What is Derek's reaction when he first becomes a tooth fairy? What would your reaction be to finding yourself in a similar situation?
- As Derek is learning the ropes of his new, temporary job as a tooth fairy, he is given lots of magical items to help him do his job. He receives items such as invisible spray, shrinking paste, and amnesia powder. Of all the magical items he receives, which would be your favorite item to have? Why? If you had that magical item, what would you do with it?



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Activities

- Have you ever been to a hockey game? Look for a high school, college, amateur or professional hockey game in your city or town. Enjoy an evening out with your friends or family, watching this action-packed game.
- Even if you don't have ice around you, try playing a game of hockey. You can play it while wearing roller skates outside. It is a fun game to learn and enjoy with a group of friends.
- Lots of people lose teeth that the tooth fairy then comes to collect. These teeth are often put under pillows and can easily get lost because they are so tiny. To make a tooth fairy's job easier, make a tooth pouch to put these teeth into so you can safely tuck them under your pillow and they won't get lost. You can make them from paper or fabric, just be creative! Here is a tutorial to get you started: purlbee.squarespace.com/tooth-fairy-bags

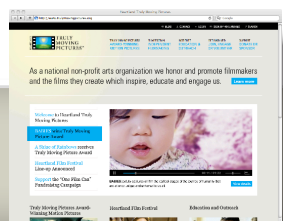
Get Involved

- Derek Thompson was a sports star other people looked up to, yet he didn't take that responsibility as seriously as he should have. High profile individuals can shed light on certain issues and serve as role models to others. However, celebrities and sports stars aren't the only ones with the power to impact other people's lives and have their voices heard. You too can share your voice in order to shed light on issues that are important to you. Pick a cause that means a lot to you and help inform others about this issue's importance. Your cause can be one that impacts your school, your community or even people in a different country.



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